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U.S. CONVERTING OKINAWA INTO A MAJOR BASE

Okinawa, Dec. 9. The United States is spending upwards of \$250 million (£83,400,000) to convert Okinawa into a key defence base in the Far East.

But recent authoritative pronouncements have indicated that the United States still regards Okinawa and the other Ryukyu islands as Japanese territory.

Japan still holds sovereignty over the islands, according to Mr. William Sebold, United States political adviser to Japan, who said recently that Article 3 of the peace treaty does not provide for Japan's renunciation of the islands and that the U.S. intention is to retain residual sovereignty in Japan.

Boistering this viewpoint was the opinion recently expressed on Okinawa by Brigadier-General A. L. Hamblen, from the Office of Occupied Areas of the United States Secretary of the Army's Office.

He told Ryukyuans reporters that there was no assurance that the United States would seek a trusteeship of the 775-mile long chain. He said that the islands may either revert to Japan or gain their independence.

Article 3 of the San Francisco Treaty states:

"Japan will remain in any part of the United States to be placed under its trusteeship system, with the United States as the sole administering authority."

Kagoshima, south of 29 degrees North Latitude (including the Ryukyu Islands and the Bonin Islands), the Nampo Shoto, south of Sofu Gau (including the Bonin Islands, Rishiri Island and the Volcano Islands), and Paree Vela and Marcus Island.

Pend on the making of such a proposal and affirmative action taken, the United States will have the right to exercise administrative powers and jurisdiction over the territory and inhabitants of these islands, including their territorial waters."

PIVOT POINT

The 60-mile long island, 90 miles from Japan in 80 days' fighting from April to June 1945, is the pivot point of the Ryukyu chain.

The United States-occupied chain swings down from 200 miles off the southern coast of Japan to within sight of Formosa.

From air bases on Okinawa, bombers can range readily over the Far East Asiatic mainland.

The building programme on Okinawa has been intensified in the past 12 months. Sharing in the work are Japanese contractors. High on the priority list are barracks and housing.

The southern section of the island, the military-occupied portion, looks today like one big construction camp.

Over 60,000 Ryukyuans are employed by the United States occupation forces. The Ryukyuans is a cousin of the Japanese, with a strong touch of the Ainu or North Japanese strain in him. The natives work at jobs ranging from la-

THE BASIS

Dr. D. Murray Bladon, of Coventry, writes: "The whole basis of the capitulation system of payment surely rests on the idea that many patients will not require any treatment and will help to pay for those who require a lot."

These people who have moved about and have not had occasion to re-register, are just the ones to pay for the chronicos. It should be very easy to discover which of these patients have died. All the others should be proved to be alive."

AIR PASSENGER IN INCIDENT

New York, Dec. 9. An Air France aircraft after arrival here from Paris today was held up by the American Customs authorities at the International Airport.

A thorough search was made by Customs officers aboard the plane and the passengers were delayed in leaving the airport for about an hour.

One passenger was held for further questioning. His name was not revealed. — France Presse.

EDEN PRODUCES HIS PASS



Mr Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, produces his pass as he arrives for the session of the North Atlantic Council in Rome. During the meeting it was agreed that plans for a European army should be proceeded with on an urgent basis.—London Express

Crook Had A Good Story But Jury Saw Through It

London, Dec. 9. Criminals often appear before judge and jury with a good story—a story of their own innocence, of the duplicity of others.

Few, however, have offered a better, more carefully framed one than did Ralph Beckor, who appeared before Mr Justice Devlin at the Old Bailey.

Beckor is a man of brain, of good education—and experience, in the courts.

His answer to a charge of receiving a £2,000 stolen car was, the judge said, "elaborate, and calculated to deceive anybody who was to try you."

"But, fortunately in the interest of justice, the jury has seen through it."

Passing sentence of eight years' imprisonment, Mr Justice Devlin said it was clear that Beckor was a very active member of a gang engaged in well-prepared thefts.

TRICKERY

A second member of the gang, it was said, was gaoled a month ago, for nine years. The man was Walter Frederick Charles.

The gang earmarked for theft in 1951 Rover saloon belonging to a man living in a block of flats at Kensington.

By ingenious trickery they got all its details—engine and chassis numbers, and the ignition lock number, so that they could get a duplicate key.

Beckor meant to keep this one himself. He had already got a logbook for a 1951 Rover by means of forged receipts and application forms, and had registered the car in the name of his wife.

Engine and chassis numbers of the car were altered to tally with the false documents.

Beckor told the jury that Charles had offered him a Rover at £300 "over the odds."

He said he went with Charles to the Rover works near Birmingham where "a man in white overalls" drove out a car which, under trade plates, he drove back to London.

The other results were:

Independents 7. The Praj Party (Peasants, Workers and People's Party of Congress Presidents) 1. Scheduled Castes Federation 1.—Ruter.

UN Postpones Debate On Big Four Negotiations

Paris, Dec. 9. East-West disagreement over an atom and disarmament controls programme forced postponement tonight of a United Nations Political Committee meeting due for Monday to hear a report on week-long secret Big Four talks.

United Nations Assembly President Luis Padilla Nervo's trusted aides worked throughout the day trying to hammer out a report on the disagreement which the Big Four would endorse as factual, at least.

The terms of the Political Committee resolution called for the report to be made by Monday.

The resolution set up the Big Four sub-committee in an attempt to reach some agreement. But hope for any substantial agreement founders late last week in the face of Russia's insistence on immediate prohibition of atomic weapons without setting up airtight controls at the same time.

In the arguments that developed, it became apparent that the Western "Big Three" and Russia would find it difficult to agree even on how their disagreement should be outlined to the committee.

The report may be ready concurred late on Monday but not in time for the full 60-nation Political Committee to plunge back into a debate on the Western Big Three's balanced, gradual disarmament plan. The committee set a new date, for hearing the report—Tuesday afternoon.

Mr Nervo and the French, British and U.S. representatives have arranged meetings for Monday morning and afternoon in an attempt to get agreement on the report.

LAST ATTEMPT

The Political Committee interrupted its discussions on the disarmament proposals on Nov. 30 at the insistence of the little powers that one last attempt for agreement should be made by the Big Four. That came after Russia's Andrei Vyshinsky threw into the committee a series of amendments which would change entirely the character of the Western programme.

The U.S. attitude from the first was that the secret talks would result in little progress, especially after M. Vyshinsky warned the committee that he would never yield on his demand for immediate prohibition of atom weapons.

But a major accord, agreed on in principle long before the Assembly sessions began more than a month ago, appeared possible.

That was for setting up a 12-national disarmament commission which may talk for years about plans and keep the subject alive.

The 11-nation Security Council and Canada would be represented on the commission, which would be natural outcome of proposals to merge the Security Council separate atomic energy and conventional armaments commissions into one.

The way for that has been paved by previous agreements in meetings in New York of a special body set up by last year's Assembly to try to get a merger.

ANOTHER CLASH

Still another major East-West clash brewed on Sunday night for development in the Special Political Committee on Monday morning.

East Zone Germans flew to Paris from Berlin primed to tell the UN they do not want a UN inquiry commission to go into Germany to survey the chances of nationwide free elections in Germany as a first step in unification of the country.

The West German delegates told the Political Committee on Saturday that the German people—including 18,000,000 Germans of the Soviet Zone—ardently wanted such an inquiry.

New York, Dec. 9. The newly-appointed United States Ambassador to Turkey, Mr George MacGhee, announced today that he would leave the United States for Turkey around Jan. 1.

Mr MacGhee, whose present post is Assistant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs, added that his appointment was no surprise to him as it had been frequently discussed at the State Department.

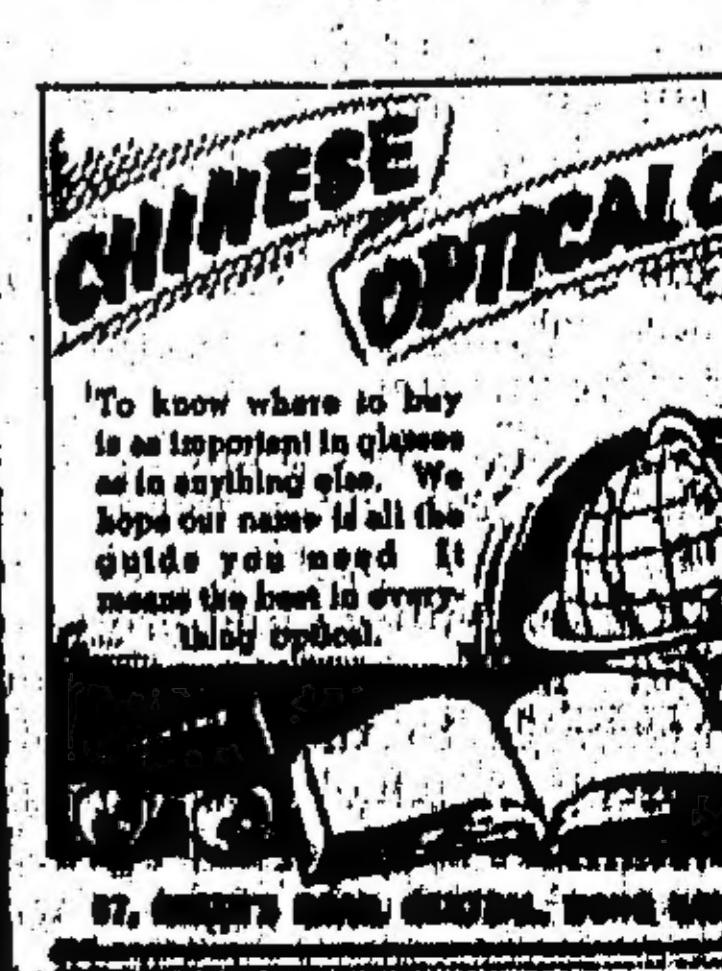
He recalled that he had worked in close co-operation with Turkey since 1947 when aid to Greece and Turkey was being prepared.—France Presse.

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Chief Justice Inspects Fiji Guard Of Honour



The Chief Justice of Fiji, Mr. J. H. Vaughan KC, inspects the smart guard of honour of Fiji Police at the ceremonial opening of the Supreme Court in the capital, Suva.—London Express.

PATIENTS LIKE A NAME

London, Dec. 9.
More and more patients are asking doctors to give them proprietary names, such as Health Security, the Health Ministry said.

A report said that 40 per cent were then using such names every 100 years ago, and preparations for 1947, the figure was even and by 1949 it went up to 19.

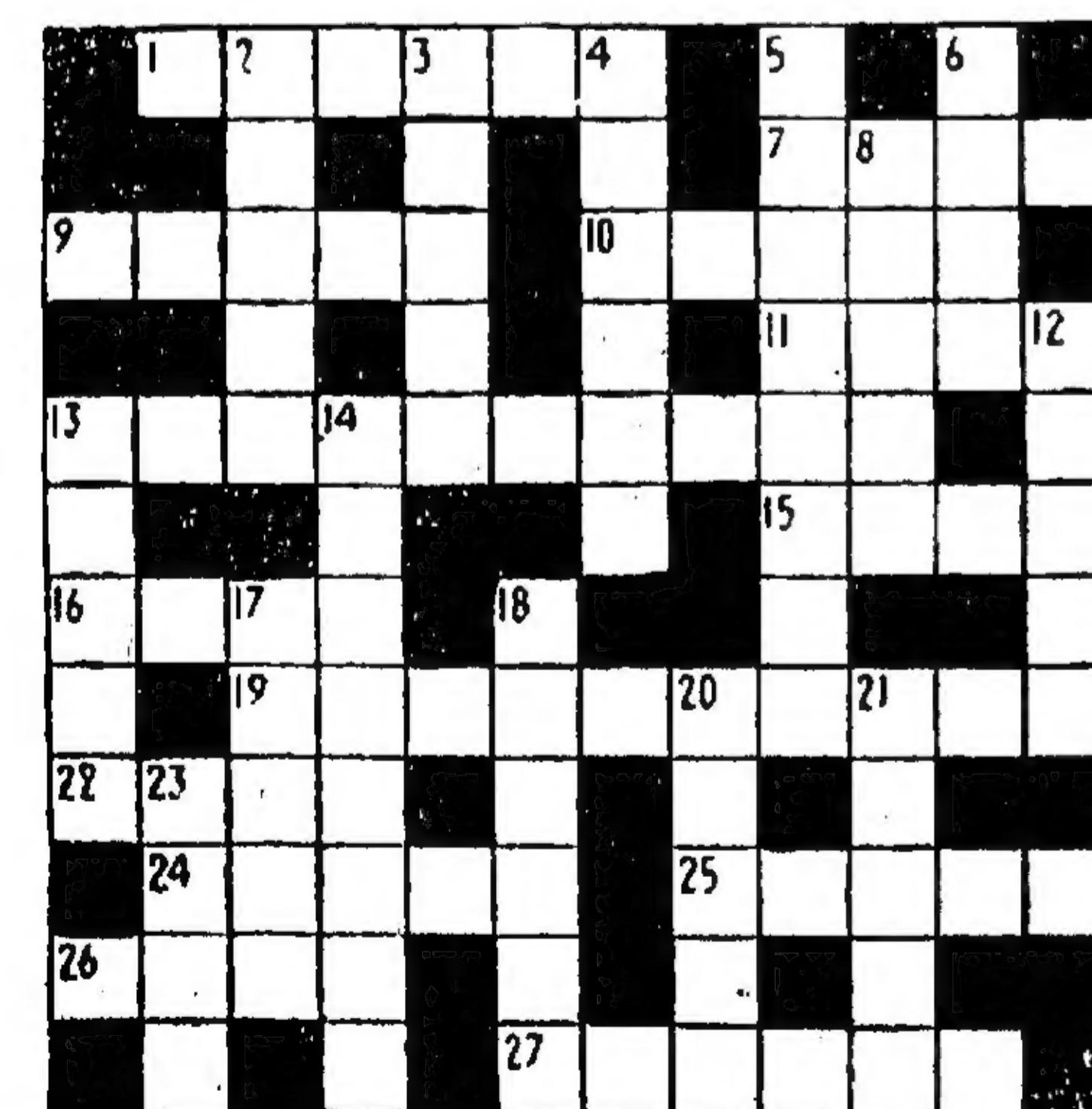
Health influence of a doctor was very evident. The doctors looked on as means of obtaining free sample rather than for deciding what they wanted, was required.

In the year up to March 31, 1950, 206,358,648 prescriptions were dispensed through the Health Service. The cost £31,627,165. The total cost of £165,287,204, compared with £119,175,729, for the 12 months of the service.

Eight-and-a-half million prescriptions were issued, of which 50,000,000 were for drugs, £6,882,630 had dental treatment, and there were 42,903,044 people on doctors' lists.

The report say there were more nurses now trained to do ever before and domestic staff increased, too, so the evidence that nurses were occupied in domestic duties was not so general.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Doll (9).
- Turn (4).
- Black man (5).
- Pollution (6).
- Taverns (4).
- Company (10).
- Was in debt (4).
- Mature (4).
- Enlighten (10).
- Shirk (4).
- Excuse (4).
- Giggle (4).

DOWN

- Proses (5).
- Introduction (5).
- Struggle (6).
- Flower (6).
- Right of possession (4).
- Restore to original state (5).
- Marsh plant (5).
- Shaft (5).
- Flint (5).
- Portion (5).
- Amuse (6).
- Unmusical (5).
- Saw (6).
- Large public room (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Actions: 1, Recall; 4, Smart; 7, Virtue; 8, Shift; 10, Veer; 12, Gallant; 15, Deliberate; 16, Anew; 17, Vested; 19, Vesta; 20, Endured; 21, Ewes; 22, Tulp; 24, Elated; 25, Verily; 26, Grapes; Down: 1, Renovate; 2, Concessed; 3, Laish; 5, Multitude; 6, Refine; 9, Purified; 11, Reaching; 12, Gavel; 13, Answered; 14, Twisters; 19, Induce; 20, Pier.

JAPAN HOLDING TALKS WITH STERLING AREA NATIONS

Tokyo, Dec. 9.
The Japanese Government has arranged talks, starting today, with diplomatic missions from various Sterling Area countries in an attempt to increase her Sterling raw material purchases, according to reports in trade circles here.

Japan will approach Pakistan, Ceylon and Burma, which have no diplomatic missions here, through the United Kingdom Liaison Mission.

Rearmament To Be Speeded

Copenhagen, Dec. 9.
The Danish Government will lay down before the Social Parties early this week a plan for strengthening the country's defences by raising the military service term from one year to 18 months.

The measure would enable Denmark to have one full division under arms. The new defence plan would require additional expenditure which the Government paper, *Borgeriske Tidende*, estimated at 2,650,000,000 kroner in the next three years as compared with the present military budget of 659,000,000 kroner.—France-Press.

CONFUSED POLICY

In an editorial entitled "Confused trade policy," the paper called for "intelligence measures" to clarify the nation's trade pattern, which was confused by the recent "over-accumulation" of Pound Sterling.

The article pointed out that Japan's Pound holdings had increased from £38 million at the end of August, when the new Anglo-Japanese overall payments agreement was signed, to some £60 million on the first of this month.

Any attempts to bring down these holdings by restricting exports to the Pound Sterling bloc would not only mean abandoning already cultivated markets but would also cause undue difficulties to makers and exporters of the products concerned, the paper said.

An emphasis on exports to the dollar area, the paper continued, would place Japanese goods in competition with American products and would possibly lead to political pressure in the form of (American) tariff barriers.

THE SOLUTION

The paper said: "A solution must be found not in restricting exports to the Sterling bloc or in specialising in exports to the dollar area but in increasing imports of essential materials which can be bought with the Pound Sterling."

Referring to the progress of the Colombo Plan's scheme to provide technical assistance to South-East Asian countries, Mr. Wilson said that so far as training facilities were concerned, the supply had been equal to the demand.

But response to requests for experts and advisers had not been satisfactory, he said.

"This is natural as most of the experts are reluctant to give up well-paid and comfortable jobs and go to countries far away from their homes."

EXPERTS NEEDED

Most of the requests from the Asian countries had been for highly qualified experts and this had made the task still harder, Mr. Wilson said.

He dismissed fears expressed about the success of the Colombo Plan in the absence of American financial contribution. The success of the plan depended on the energy and drive of the member countries themselves, he said.

Mr. Wilson revealed that India has so far asked the Colombo Plan Technical Assistance Council for consultants to advise private industry on methods for increased efficiency, engineers for electrical and multi-purpose projects and medical specialists.—Reuter.

TRIBESMEN TO BE FILMED

Bangkok, Dec. 9.
Dr Hermann Ehlers, President of the Bundestag, tonight entertained to dinner a delegation of 10 members of the Turkish National Assembly.

The group was led by Mr. Muhsin Turanay, first Vice-President of the Turkish National Assembly.

The delegation had visited Bavarian cities and Cologne before they arrived in Bonn last night.

They will leave for the Ruhr industrial area on Monday and return to Bonn on Tuesday to study parliamentary institutions here.—Reuter.

European Authority Prospects

Strasbourg, Dec. 9.
The main effort of delegations to the Council of Europe in the debate on foreign policy due to start here tomorrow will be exerted towards the creation of a community of the European continent associated with Britain.

Both continental Europe and Britain will consider a statute which would enable the implementation of such projects as the coal and steel pool and the European Army plan.

Mr. Akira Nishimura, chief of the Japanese Overseas Affairs Bureau, is reported to have carried instructions for such negotiations when he left here on Saturday to return to his post after a short stay in Japan.

The latest statistics put Japanese coal imports from India during the current year at about 400,000 tons.

The English-language daily

Nippori Times, said this morning that any Japanese action to restrict its exports to the Sterling bloc would be "extremely shortsighted and unwise."

A NECESSITY

The West German Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Professor Hallstein, today said to have expressed the hope that the plan for creation of a European Army would be signed before the next meeting of the Atlantic Pact Ministers in Lisbon on Feb. 2.

Professor Hallstein, who conducted negotiations on the European Army in Paris on behalf of the West German Government, made this statement during talks with the West German delegates to the Council of Europe.

The West German high official also affirmed that he considered the creation of a political authority in Europe as an absolute necessity.

Professor Hallstein said that the signing of the European Army project would necessitate another meeting of European Ministers after that of the Strasbourg conference which is to take place next Tuesday with participation of the five Foreign Ministers of the Council of Europe nations and of Dr. Adenauer.—France-Press.

ADENAUER REPORTS

Bonn, Dec. 9.
West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today reported to his Cabinet on his recent visit to Britain.

The Chancellor will leave by road for Strasbourg on Monday to attend the conference of Foreign Ministers on the European Army plan.—France-Press.

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The Ding of Dong brings on the dancing girls**A DEMOCRAT IN POLITICS
BUT A DICTATOR AT HOME**

London, Dec. 5.
HEN Dr Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of the West German Republic,

arrives in London he will become the first head of a German State to visit Britain since pre-1914.

British statesmen meeting the helmsman of Germany's potential Fourth Reich would do well to remember a story which Adenauer tells of himself.

A non-smoker, he was once asked why, at cabinet meetings, he keeps a plentiful supply of cigars on the table and a number of table-lighters handy. "Cigar smokers and that means most Germans," he explained, "see the full box, and with constant puffing they not only foul the air but befuddle their brains. That is the reason I maintain complete control over my cabinet."

The German Chancellor's friends refer to him invariably as "wily," "a brilliant strategist." To his political enemies expressions like "cunning," "crafty," "the old fox" fall trippingly from the tongue.

But to the majority of the Bonn Government members and M.P.s, the tall poker-faced man with high, almost oriental cheekbones, and narrow eyes and permanent sardonic smile, is just "The Old Man."

Government members meeting

the first clash with British Occupation authorities, however, occurred back in 1918 when, as Lord Mayor of Cologne, he refused to enforce a decree of the local British Army General that Germans should leave the side-walks when meeting British troops in the street.

Even today this tall, gaunt figure generally recognised as a solitary gentleman in the bear-garden of German politics — retains a strong anti-British prejudice. Having travelled very little outside Germany, he firmly believes the British deserve all Germans, and Adenauer is a proud man.

Since he speaks faultless French and almost no English, he has inevitably been regarded with some suspicion by the occupying powers of two postwar eras. His Francophile tendencies have also meant that he has frequently opposed the popular trend of opinion in his country since the first World War.

TACTICIAN

But whether seemingly anti-British or overwhelmingly pro-Western, Konrad Adenauer, the 75-year-old German leader, becomes unmistakably in "Germany for the Germans."

When first elected as head of state just two years ago, he said: "Sometimes I wish the world would adopt more the attitude of a family welcoming back home an errant child, instead of beating it when it gets up in the morning and again when it goes to bed — with a further thrashing during the day for good measure — an effort should be made to make its return a happy one."

And his recent public pronouncements have been more or less an echo of this "spare the rod" refrain. For Adenauer is a shrewd statesman, the best tactician on the German political scene, who is convinced the only people who can run Germany are the Germans.

For two years now he has carried on a running fight with the Allied High Commission authorities, in a struggle to speed up the return of power to German hands. In this running fight he has not been slow to criticise where he thought criticism due, nor attack where he thought attack where he thought attack on the Occupation powers was warranted.

Chancellor Adenauer received the request from London to postpone his visit until after the General Election. For, said one of his personal secretaries, the Federal Chancellor is anxious to discuss matters of common interest with the incoming ministers and not with those about to leave their posts.



DR ADENAUER

him in London would also do well to recall the unfortunate action of a certain impetuous British Military Government officer back in 1945 which did very little to improve the Chancellor's attitude towards Britain.

Adenauer, Lord Mayor of Cologne since the first World War, except for an interval of 12 years after he had been sacked by Hitler, was reinstated to his post immediately the Americans entered Cologne. Then for some inexplicable reasons, a local Military Government officer had him removed from this important post some months later "for failing to display sufficient energy and initiative."

WIDER FIELD

Rumour has it the sacking had something to do with requisitioning of houses and furniture for British Control Commission officials. Anyway, Adenauer, who had done for Cologne what the Chamberlain family did for Birmingham, was summarily banned even from entering the city.

However, the incident became one of unforeseen importance, for it took Adenauer from the realm of local municipal politics into the wider field of national politics with the powerful Catholic-backed Christian Democratic Party.

Again, two years ago, he said: "I know the idea of our competition on the world market is not welcome. But I favour free competition, not only internally but externally. No country has a monopoly in any article, and liability competition protects us all from economic stagnation."

The new Chancellor of a few days then explained his policy of incentive and removing controls wherever possible. "We shall concentrate above all on rebuilding our shattered homes and cities as a spur to economic recovery," he explained. "And Britain must play the role in Europe which her great historical tradition demands."

Since that day he has consistently pursued a policy of free enterprise and incentive, winning over to his way of thinking many former enemies and sceptics. In achieving this he has had to take aboard many dubious allies—the biggest of the Ruhr industrialists and bankers, the semi-socialistic right wing parties, representing big farmers and landowners. But he still believes his policy to be justified pointing to re-housing and

general living statistics to prove his point.

And, what is more, he is still that rare specimen, an anti-militaristic German statesman. Despite his recent unwilling flirting with some former High Command officers, he never has been a soldier and still retains a healthy aloofness to military matters.

COMMON SENSE

When it comes to conducting a policy, Adenauer is a man of action rather than of theories. He has a hearty dislike of all political theories and has often been referred to as "the farmer politician," basing his judgments on instinct and a down-to-earth common sense.

At home, the twice-widowed Chancellor is said to pursue a different line of action. House-

keeper, confidante and hostess at diplomatic receptions is his 27-year-old daughter Lotte. Lotte confided to a friend recently: "Father may be an out-and-out democrat in politics, but he is a little 'dictator' at home, demanding meals at short notice and cakes baked exactly as he requires them."

But Adenauer, the first German head of state to visit England since the Kaiser, although an old man, has a steady influence on this vital period of German transition by bringing with him many old-fashioned Catholic Rhineland ideas and 19th Century solid Middle class German thinking.

He it is who may play one of the most decisive roles in European affairs during the coming years. But somebody has got to do some fast talking to persuade him that the British at home are not so bad as they have painted themselves in two occupations.

U.N. DELEGATES WILL BE TEMPTED INTO THE**GREATEST JUNKET SINCE
THE SACK OF ROME**

By David Temple Roberts

PARIS, Dec. 5.
T HE great feature of this United Nations meeting is what I can only call the "runway." This slightly aeronautical metaphor is the one that comes to mind for the 100-yard-long, wide foyer that gives access to the principal conference rooms in the temporary building the French have run up to house this multilingual Assembly.

All across the wide carpet matting groups of delegates and Press discuss, make interventions, lobby one another, interview and gossip. The "delegation wives" wait disconsolately for political-minded husbands.

Delegates who are intending to speak later hurry out to collect a batch of duplicated typescripts of their coming speech, and distribute them to their press friends. And, if in doubt, call a press conference!

The principal delegations give summaries of their own versions of what has been happening. The British meet in the morning. The French in the evening. Americans have private and public sessions.

Occasionally the Chinese Nationalist delegation gathers the press to issue a denunciation usually of the brilliant Sardar Patel (Nehru's Ambassador to Peking, who is in Paris as India's chief delegate). The latter is listed, by some as an unofficial exponent of Peking's views.

Much has been written of the extravagance of this meeting. The secretaries, whose £2-10-0 a day allowance has been under fire, claim that they are out of pocket. Paris is expensive for strangers. A good meal costs £1.

But one charming United Nations service to men in search of beauty is the addition of the secretaries' names on the doors of the offices. Their expense-accounted boxes appear in blue. The typists in red beneath.

And these United Nations secretaries seem to have, or acquire by marriage, some unusually international names. Could you say whether Miss Jeanette van Ho is French

Dutch or Chinese? And what language would you address to Mademoiselle Lyuba Schlimberger?

The British delegation lives in dignity at the Bristol Hotel. This, of course, is a good British name and a suitable overflow from the George V Hotel.

Paris is looking forward to a fine Christmas. The United Nations is taking a short rest from its talkative and expensive labours. It will crown a profitable 2000th year for this City. The conscientious delegates who do not find many opportunities to spend their large allowances will be tempted into what one Frenchman described as "the greatest international junket since the sack of Rome."

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**Seeing Jerusalem
At Christmas**

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON.

TWO young Canadian students of political science, Warren Wilkins, 23, and his 21-year-old brother Douglas, from Toronto, have transferred their studies from university to real life by going round the world in a British car...

They arrived in London recently after working their passage to Sweden in a cargo steamer and driving through Denmark, Germany, and Belgium. Soon they are going to France, from where they will drive directly to Singapore.

Warren and Douglas, who hope to enter the Canadian diplomatic service at the end of their studies, are veteran travellers.

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From R. M. MacColl

**Gaol-break
man stays
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NEW YORK.

A DRAMA to rival that excellent film "I was a Fugitive from a Chain Gang" has just been played in real life.

In the film, Paul Muni starred as the man hunted by the authorities of the State of Georgia.

And in the real-life drama the main character is a Negro who was picked up drunk six weeks ago by the police in Albany, New York State, and said his name was Willie Thomas.

Routine finger-printing revealed he was really Wesley Mallory, who escaped from an Alabama prison camp in 1945, after serving 13 years of a 100-year sentence for the theft of 70 dollars.

At first Governor Tom Dewey agreed to the extradition demanded by Alabama. But a firm of lawyers became interested in the case.

They told Dewey that Mallory was only 14 at the time of the alleged theft, and that for the past five years he has been a decent and respected citizen of Albany, where he married and now has three children.

Dewey had signed the extradition warrant, but he wrote to the Governor of Alabama saying he had changed his mind. And now Willie will spend a happy Christmas with his family in Albany.

THE WASHINGTON POST today said the British Government should be given some control over the use of American air bases in Britain. The paper added that Mr Churchill would probably open this question with President Truman in January.

Said the Post: "As a good politician with his eye to the ground, Mr Churchill senses the public fear that some firebrand American Air Force general might order the atom bomb dropped by British-based bombers, and thus expose Britain to swift and terrible retaliation."

"It does not quiet these fears to state the fact that only the President of the United States can give the order to deliver the atom bomb, and that an alliance by its very nature implies joint responsibility."

The Post said Britain should know the nature of the standards by orders governing the dropping of atom bombs, and should have a say in redrafting those orders if revision was required.

A NEW TAX SCANDAL with serious political implications for the Truman Government has hit 15 American cities. Eighteen tax investigators, deputy collectors, and revenue agents were sacked. Twelve more were asked to resign.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Survey Your Rivals As You Start A Bid

NORTH	24
♦ Q1093	
♥ A Q82	
♦ 8	
♦ Q1095	
WEST	EAST (D)
♦ 4	♦ A6
♦ J10943	♦ K76
♦ QJ973	♦ K64
♦ 62	♦ AKJ87
SOUTH	
♦ KJ8752	
♦ 5	
♦ A1052	
♦ 43	
Neither side vul.	
East South West North	
1 N.T. 2 ♠ 3 ♥ 3 ♣	
4 ♦ Double Pass Pass Redouble	
Pass Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♦ Q	

By OSWALD JACOBY

"PLEASE comment on the bidding of this hand," requests a reader of Port Huron, Mich. "We thought that both North and South were very enterprising and that East was unfortunate. There was a difference of opinion about West."

"Some of us thought that West should have passed from start to finish. One or two members of our club thought that West bid his hand correctly but that he was unlucky. A third opinion was that West should have kept on bidding."

"There was nothing to the play at four spades. South took the ace of diamonds and considered diamonds and hearts. He had to take a trump and two clubs, but nothing more. Even if West had opened a trump, South would have been disappointed. Two rounds of trumps would cut down dummy's ruffing power, but the queen of hearts would set up in time for a diamond discard. There was just no way to bid four spades."

"What is your opinion about the bidding?"

"It's very hard to say whether West should bid three hearts. He has fine distribution but miserably short cards. It would be nice for him to bid if East happens to have nothing much in spades, but it will probably turn out badly for West if East instead has strong spades."

"West cannot really be sure which is the case. If South is a sound bidder, the chances are that he had good spades and that East, consequently, cannot have too much in them. So South is a 'sporting' bidder. East should have two or more natural spade tricks."

In most games I would bid with the West hand. In some games one would pass. It would depend on who the players were and what mood I thought they were in."

"So far I have been rather vague, but the time has come when one definite statement can be made. If West does enter the bidding, he should stay in it. He can't stand for a double of your spades—whether or not you have nothing much in spades, but it will probably turn out badly for West if East instead has strong spades."

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• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

FOLLOWING the illness of so many elephants comes news of a bandy-legged elephant. Evidently this is what is called a "horsy" elephant, with a straw in its mouth. It probably got like that by riding too much.

"Riding what?" The angry cry rings out from a public-stuffed giant who has come to see the wonder used to whisper for readings of poetry in inn. Let such half-men stay where they belong in the chromium cocktail-bars. Be it known where ever you go, you will be bringing bailets into our drinking-places, and if they do, there will be some sore heads among the aesthetes. There are few enough of them as it is.

Small landlord, who is not a mere passive agent of some brewing combine.

Love dawns

A sage, giving advice on courtship, says that timidity and humility will get a young man nowhere. I do not agree with him. I think that a man of a certain age, who was intimidated by a large lady, feeling that he was not big and strong enough to roar, "Will you be mine?" in a whisper, "May I be yours?" The lady accepted the offer with tears of gratitude. Cyril, I never knew you felt like that about

the very grounds he walked on.

Apes stunned by giant melon

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Pooh-Pooh's Quiet Morning

—All He Did Was Sniff, Looking for His Friends—

By MAX TRELL

KARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were sitting on the back steps of the house when Pooh-Pooh the white pooh came up. He sat down quite by beside them.

"My goodness, Pooh-Pooh," said Hanid. "You've been gone all morning. Where have you been? And what have you done?"

Pooh-Pooh yawned, then he wagged his tail, then he said:

"I've hardly been anywhere. I've hardly done anything."

"But you must have been somewhere," insisted Hanid. "You weren't here, you know."

"And you must have done something," Pooh-Pooh, said Knarf.

Two Or Three Places

"Well," said Pooh-Pooh, yawning again. "I did go to two or three places. And I did do two or three things. I started out by taking a little walk into the Pine Tree Grove.

While I was there I smelled a squirrel, a chipmunk, a rabbit, a hedgehog, a woodchuck, and an owl."

Knarf exclaimed in astonishment: "You smelled all those things?"

"They aren't things," said Pooh-Pooh. "They're friends of mine—or rather acquaintances. And they weren't in the Pine Tree Grove. I just smelled that they had been there. So I decided to try to find them."

"And where did you find them?" asked Hanid.

"Well, sort of," answered Pooh-Pooh. "First I set out to find Squirrel. I smelled all along the ground, in and out

WOMANSENSE

Why can't I buy clothes for my five-year-old? A question mothers in Britain are asking finds an answer in the—

BATTLE OF (age) BULGE

THE 1951 problem child is 4 to 5 years old. Mothers of children in this age group complain that it is difficult to find socks, sweaters and other clothes to fit. Why? Because these are the end-of-the-war babies; during the years 1946 and 1947, 200,000 more babies were born than in any two years since. Next year the problem child will be 5 to 6 years old.

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Don't Wait Till Christmas To Do This

By ELEANOR ROSS

DON'T wait until

WIDGETS PUT THE WIND UP THE GREMLINS

But Five Fatal Minutes Of The Fidgets, And The Machine Was Upon Them

By "RECORDER"

"Don't go on the field with the idea that you are second best," Coach Palmer told his Widgets at Boundary Street yesterday just before they trooped on to take on the Gremlins. A protesting chorus of "No!" came from the Widgets and they reeked of confidence.

They felt that way too and at half-time they were a goal up against the streamlined Gremlins. Then the Gremlins got two and the Widgets came back to equalise and set out for their third.

The Gremlin half-back line opened the game out and there was a hectic series of raids, corner after corner, short and long, and the Widgets lost their heads, let them in patches. Several was wild in the first half. In half, when their intermediate Widgets played brilliantly in this second she steadied up and line opened the game out, they were more at home.

The interval found the Gremlins left wing of Noelle Simmons and Marie (she pronounces it Maurie, but spells it Meikle) more than Blenkinsop, but both were very much in the picture and the Widget half-back line put up on the whole, a grand display against the League's most dangerous forward line.

The opening rally-off saw right wing Coleen Ellery this way. Ellery was more spectacular than Blenkinsop, but both were very much in the picture and the Widget half-back line put up on the whole, a grand display against the League's most dangerous forward line.

In the forward line the Widgets started the second half blowing their whirlwind attack from all sides and there was the first succession of corners. Marie Meikle scoring the equaliser from the edge of the circle and Hilda Fowler putting the Gremlins two up with a merciless drive through a bunch of defenders in the D who unsighted goalkeeper Muir.

The game moved from one end of the field to the other and back and then little Ellery, who takes pride in being a Widget and didn't display the slightest trace of second best feeling right through the game, dabbled up the wing on her own and sent in a perfect centre that both inside-right Doris Barten and goalkeeper Maudie Read got their sticks on to together. Doris touched the ball faster and it was a beautiful goal.

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INSPIRED DEFENCE

The Widgets' attack played in front of an inspired defence, skipper Irene Smirnoff playing a starring role in the first half behind the hand-tackling half-back duo of Mary Elliot, Maureen Blenkinsop and Sheila Bolton, who spent a busy hour taking the wing out of the sides of the greatest forward line in the League.

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PAKISTAN'S VICTORY HAS SET ALIGHT AN OLD CONTROVERSY

London, Dec. 9.

Pakistan's victory in the unofficial Test with the MCC touring side has set alight again the old controversy of whether Britain views these tours in the right and necessary perspective.

There are those critics who maintain the old argument that if Britain cannot send a truly representative and top ranking side to tour a country, then the tour should be cancelled with the requisite apologies and explanations.

These critics, in stressing this line of argument, point to the fact that so many countries have now advanced the standard of their own cricket that it is a worn-out fallacy to imagine that the day has not yet passed when an England "A" side could put up strong opposition and maintain national prestige anywhere except in Australia and the West Indies.

And now that Eddie Leadbeater, the Yorkshire leg spin bowler, has been sent to replace the injured "Dusty" Rhodes these same critics wag their heads more in sorrow than anger and ask why, for example, those who direct the tour could not have thought of Bob Appleyard, the medium pace bowler from Leadbeater's old county.

HARDLY A SPEARHEAD

It can be appreciated that Leadbeater has the guile and flight to take wickets but even his most ardent supporters would hardly contemplate him as a vital spearhead in a side's attack.

That role undoubtedly fits Appleyard more appropriately. He was most successful during the last season here and there are many who confidently assert that he would be an ideal opening bowler on matting because of his pace off the pitch and his aptitude for finding "life" in a wicket.

Other critics say that if a spin bowler had to be sent to India why should G. A. Lock (Survey) not have been the choice, quoting his bowlers known accuracy and ability to limit a ball as evident reason for selection.



Maudie Read rushes out to meet a Widget attack and daughter Rosemary, knowing who's boss in a situation like that, gets out of the way quickly. Widget centre-forward Helen Balland and left wing Eileen Kennedy wait for a chance to rush the goal.



Gremlins spent lemon time trying to figure out how they managed to get a goal behind. The girl with the very sour expression is their left-back, Louis Warning, who had a very rough time in the first half. The others are Amber Moran, Julia Wilson, Maureen Hodgkinson and Marie Meikle. — China Mail Photos.

K. S. Kinghorn Wins Golf Championship

K. S. Kinghorn defeated Noel Arthy at Farning yesterday to win the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Championship.

TALKS ON

A European Baseball Federation

Haarlem, Dec. 9.

Talks on the creation of a European Baseball Federation have been held on Friday and Saturday here between representatives of the Dutch and Spanish Federations.

Widgets: Marjorie Muir; Irene Smirnoff, Joan Gerrard; Sheila Bolton, Margo Blenkinsop and Mary Elliot; Coleen Ellery, Doris Barten, Helen Balland, Sybil Groundwater and Eileen Kennedy.

OTHER MATCHES

Dorians went down 1-5 to King George V School "A" and felt extremely pleased with the opening goal of their history, scored by Cecily Zimern.

School's record for the match was Valerie Jillott (2), Hilary Hale (2) and Lella Butcher (1).

Recreos scored five times against one goal for School "B".

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	T	A	Pts
Gremlins	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Widgets	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
KOV	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Gremlins	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
University	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Gremlins	1	1	0	0	0	0	2

Gremlins increased their lead to 2-1 when their junior Joey Ormsby failed to find the strike zone with the ball, which dropped in the hands of the Matroska in their half. They then followed up with another goal, this time from the Gremlins' junior, who scored his second hit of the tilt to drive in the vital tally.

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Saints as in their half of the fifth frame they pushed across

Saints Get Into The Way Of The Madcaps' Head-On Rush For The Pennant

By "GRANDSTAND"

In the softball games played over the week-end, St. Joseph's behind Sherry Bucks' heads-up pitching, put a halt to the run of Madcaps' successes in the Senior "A" Division as they downed the League leaders 6 to 4, to pit the pennant race in this section into a five-way tie.

In the Senior "B" section, the Warriors earned an easy 8 to 0 decision over the P. I. Dodgers while in the Junior loop, the undefeated Blackhawk kept their winning streak intact with a convincing 11 to 2 win over the Wildfires and the Griffins returned to the pennant battle by triumphing over the Rexes 5 to 4 after nine innings of play.

The Aces and Blue Sox had things their own way, scoring easy victories over South China and Nine Dragons by the scores of 12 to 2 and 15 to 2 respectively.

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The Saints had Sherry Bucks for the whole game and he turned in a steady hurling job, while the Madcaps utilized two hurlers starting off with Kelly Silva-Mello, who pitched five innings, with Joey Graca finishing off the game.

Taking honours in the batting department were Saints' Dave Leonard and Madcaps' George Saunders, the former getting three hits in four trips to the plate while Saunders got a two in three average. Both slingers also got a homerun apiece.

In preparation for the forthcoming International Series—the first round games being scheduled for Boxing Day—Portugal's representative Arturo Ozorio is convening a meeting of all those interested in representing Portugal. In both the Men's and Ladies' Series, which will be held on Wednesday December 12, at the Club Lisitano, commencing at 5.15 p.m.

The game-leading run on S. H. Moday Khan's single. Playing fine defensive ball, the Saints held the Madcaps scoreless for the fifth and sixth innings.

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Proposal For US Guarantee Of A Europe Bond Issue

New York, Dec. 9.

A proposal was made here today that the European governments should jointly float a bond issue, guaranteed by the United States, as a means of stabilising the European currencies and encouraging Europe's own investment capital.

The suggestion was made in an exclusive United Press interview by M. Jean de Precioit, President of the Textiles Artificiels de Centre, of Paris.

M. de Precioit, former State Councillor for the French Comptoir Général, is here attending the annual United States Congress of Manufacturers which follows the first international conference of manufacturers held here earlier.

Jap Tuna Imports A Menace

Seattle, Dec. 9.
Nine hundred Pacific northwest fishermen mapped a campaign here yesterday in support of a bill before the U.S. Senate to impose a \$90 a ton tariff on tuna imports.

The meeting was sponsored by the newly-organized Pacific Coast Fish Producers' Institute.

Chairman San Diego Calif., research director of the American Tuna Boat Association said the institute's eventual goal is a 45 per cent tariff on all types of tuna imports.

The \$90 a ton tariff measure comes before the Senate Finance Committee on January 8. Senator Warren Magnuson, Washington Democrat, reported it already has passed the House. The levy would be effective until 1953.

Dr Chapman pointed out that many of the West Coast's 4,000 tuna boats have been idled by foreign tuna shipped into the United States from Japan and South America.

Since 1948 foreign fish have taken over 29 per cent of the American market. Dr Chapman told the assembly.—Associated Press.

Indian Coal For Japan

Tokyo, Dec. 9.
The International Trade and Industry Ministry decided to step up its current negotiations with the Indian Government for the import of 1,000,000 tons of Indian coal during the 1951 fiscal year.

Chief Akira Nishiyama of the Japanese Overseas Agency at Calcutta, who had been home recently, carried back a concrete proposal of the Japanese Government to the Indian Government for settling the negotiations when he left for his post yesterday.

Since the beginning of this year Japan has imported about 400,000 tons of coal from India. The intended increased purchase is in keeping with the Government policy of switching as much as possible from the dollar bloc to the sterling bloc to offset the growing pound holdings of Japan.—Associated Press.

CROP REPORT AWAITED

New York, Dec. 9.
Cotton futures bobbed up and down over moderate totals last week as traders awaited the Government's final crop report of the season on Monday.

After rising to new seasonal highs on Monday the market closed back irregularly to end 20 points higher to 76 cents lower, or \$1.00 up to 76 cents down at Friday's close.

The wide variation in the estimates kept traders anxious.

Total retail trade in the week ended Wednesday was estimated to be from three to seven per cent higher than that of a year ago.—Associated Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per £1) 15.67
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Indonesia guilder (per £1) 22.20
Dollar (per £1) 22.20
Singapore (per £1) 13.70
U.S. dollar (per £1) 13.70

RESTRICTION ON CREDIT

Clear Indication Of Government Policy Further Steps Expected To Britain's Jets Earn Dollars

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Dec. 9.
Fresh instructions aimed at restricting still further the volume of credit have now been issued by Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to the Capital Issues Committee and to the banks.

These instructions follow the general line of policy laid down in previous directives but place more emphasis on the need to restrict unessential borrowing to the very minimum.

As before, priority will be given to new issues in connection with "projects which are essentially and positively related to the rearment programme, to the stimulation of exports to desirable markets, to the saving of imports, particularly from dollar sources, and to the relief of basic deficiencies, especially of raw materials."

The banks have been asked to reduce import prices have been asked to ensure that their credit policy worked their way through to the operators in conformity with the general principles as those set out in the Chancellor's directive to the Capital Issues Committee.

They have been asked not to give loans to the speculative buying or holding of securities, real property or stocks of commodities, to limit finance for re-purchase, and not to make advances for capital expenditure.

The new directives give a clear indication of the trend of the Government's economic policy. Their aim is to restrict all new borrowing whether from banks or the market, which makes no contribution to the summing up of our present difficulties."

So far as new issues are concerned these will be examined all with a view to eliminating all except those designed to raise production of defence and export goods or to save imports.

But other projects which "can contribute definitely to the general health of the economy in the technical development of industrial production and the more efficient and economical use of resources" will also receive favourable consideration.

The lagging of the agreement goes back to October, 1941 when Sir Frank Whittle's W-1X jet engine and a set of drawings were flown from England to the USA. Much of US engine development stemmed from that first engine.

Locally, to manufacture British jet now number 12 to eight different countries outside North America—London Express Service.

FURTHER STEPS

At the same time, however, the Committee has been told that where applications are made for consent to long-term borrowing to refund bank advances already taken up, the fact that the money has already been borrowed should not weigh with them. Instead they should concern themselves mainly with the eligibility of the purposes which have been financed by the advances or will in due course be made possible through the continuing operation.

In at least one respect the Chancellor is not believed to have spoken his last word. Further steps involving new legislation are expected to be taken to restrict the volume of credit advanced to consumers through hire-purchase facilities.

As long ago as 1946 the banks were requested not to extend the finance of hire-purchase beyond its existing levels. The number of such transactions, however, has risen in recent years because credit has been forthcoming from sources outside the banks and large financial houses.

Effectiveness of the measures taken in the United States and Canada to reduce consumer credit has led many people to believe that the Government may take similar steps in this country. Their aim could be achieved by increasing down payments, raising permitted interest rates or shortening the period of hire. The last of these is considered the most effective and may become the principal means of reducing this type of credit.

DISTURBING ASPECTS

Three aspects of the present economic situation which are "particularly disturbing" are set out in the latest issue of the "Bulletin for Industry" which is published by the Treasury.

In order of importance they are: the balance of payments, production, and prices and wages.

In the present half-year the United Kingdom is spending abroad at the rate of £700 million a year more than it is earning and the gold and dollar reserves have been falling fast.

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FIND OF VITAL MINERAL

Cascade, Dec. 9.
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RAIL TRADE UP IN AMERICA

New York, Dec. 9.
Christmas shopping in the past week boosted U.S. retail trade above the previous week and moderately above the record level of the like week last year, But Bradstreet reported.

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UN Troops Seek Enemy In Snow

Eighth Army HQ, Dec. 10. UN foot-soldiers slugged through snow and freezing mud on the eastern front on Sunday in a search for North Korean Communist positions.

Temperatures dropped to five degrees below zero and a thick haze obscured the area during the ground operations. The Communists threw live mines across at Ailbet positions across the front, but all were neutralized.

One enemy mine was reported southward of Pyongyang and another to the south of the city respectively from a triangle apex city. The Communists threw two probing attacks southwest of Kumsong and one northeast of the punchbox on the east central front. There was stepped up patrol contact on the western front.

The war was more than eight months a blinding effort said. Most were dead but miraculously alive.

INFILTRATION

The lead Press correspondent, Vic Kendrick, reported from the western front that 30 Communists infiltrated UN positions during the night and penetrated as far as the main command post before being driven off in a brief exchange of fire.

A UN patrol was attacked on three sides by an undetermined number of enemy troops north of Kumsong and the Red, were driven off. Two other sharp patrol actions occurred in the area with the Allies being forced to withdraw in one of the engagements.

Patrol contact along the rest of the battle line was light than in the west.

UN made in the eastern sector sent out patrols in an effort to locate the enemy positions and to determine the Red strength. There were seven patrol clashes along the eastern front with the Allies withdrawing in most cases.

North of Kunlun a tank infantry team moved into enemy territory and fired on Communists entrenched in thick bunkers. No results were announced — United Press.

FIRE ON SHIP

Shortly after 9:20 this morning a small fire broke out among some painting material and miscellaneous gear on board the ss Pronto at Kowloon Dock. The fire was put out half an hour after the arrival of three fire engines. No one was injured.

Festival Hall Rehearsal



A long line of French Horns played by members of the famous Hamburg Symphony Orchestra of over 100 musicians from Germany during a rehearsal prior to their performance at the Festival Hall in London. They are making a series of appearances at Concert Halls throughout England.—London Express.

High Level Orders May Be Needed To Break Pan Mun Jom Deadlock

Tokyo, Dec. 10.

Truce negotiators met to debate at Pan Mun Jom today, but both sides apparently needed high level orders to break the deadlock on how to supervise the armistice. The Communist sub-delegation flatly rejected on Sunday five UN principles for supervising the armistice and once more refused to talk about the exchange of prisoners.

In one of his bluntest statements since the talks began on July 10, Air Force Brigadier Gen. William P. Nuckles, UN spokesman, said:

"The Communists are holding a human club of Allied prisoners over the UNC head to force

capitulation to all Communist demands which would jeopardize our military position and the security of all our forces in Korea."

At the same time the UN sub-delegation still refused to give a yes or no answer to the Communist proposal that an independent "neutral nation" team conduct behind-the-lines inspection after the armistice is signed.

"This question of entrusting the security of military forces in the field to neutrals is a matter that must be weighed and re-weighed," Gen. Nuckles said.

Observers speculated that this key issue may require a decision on the highest level and perhaps prompted President Truman's sudden decision to confer with his top military and State Department advisers in Washington.

NO PROGRESS

Gen. Nuckles, however, had "no comment" to make on the report that the President was cutting short his Key West vacation to attend matters concerning the stalled truce talks.

As the talks entered their sixth month yesterday, UN sub-delegate Major Gen. Howard Turner announced after a two-hour morning session on Sunday, "I cannot report anything in the nature of progress." The 12-minute afternoon session served to point up the Communist sub-delegation's inability to act without orders.

The UN again asked for an answer to their proposal that a sub-delegation be set up to discuss the exchange of war prisoners. "Once again we got the same answer," Gen. Nuckles said. He said the Red delegates reported having transmitted the proposal to their senior delegate and that he had it under consideration. — United Press.

Full Court Refuses Two Men Leave To Appeal

Sentenced to five years' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, at the Criminal Sessions on October 31 for possession of thirty automatic pistols and 1,955 rounds of ammunition, Ho Shing-hei, 51, fisherman, appealed against his sentence before the Full Court this morning.

The Court comprised Mr Justice Gould, Senior puisne Judge, and Mr Justice Scholes, Acting Puisne Judge.

He was arrested on September 10 last when the pistols and ammunition were discovered in and around a hut occupied by the appellant on Po To Island, in British waters. The pistols comprised 19 German Mausers, nine Astro, one Star and one Royal, the last 11 being of Spanish manufacture. All the pistols were in good working order and covered with heavy grease at the time they were found.

In his defence at his trial, Ho declared that a man who claimed to be a special agent of a high Nationalist Army commander in Formosa had brought the arms and ammunition to the island and had buried them in his hut without his knowledge. When he did come to know about them, the agent warned him not to report to the Police and further told him that the arms were to be used for a counter-attack on the Chinese mainland.

In his appeal this morning, appellant admitted the shot was a fair one, but asked for a reduction on the grounds of his age and that he had a family dependent upon him.

APPEARED A FOOL

Mr M. Morley-John, Crown Counsel, told the Court in answer to a query that in the earlier proceedings the appellant did appear to be a fool in many ways.

Refusing leave to appeal, Mr Justice Gould said: "The Court has seriously considered the sentence because the sentence passed is lighter than the standard sentence imposed by these Courts. You were in possession of a great quantity of arms and ammunition and the fact that you received a lighter sentence is not to be taken as an indication that sentences in respect of this type of offence are being reduced.

"In the present case the Crown accepts that your actions were entailed more through foolishness than through criminality and that probably induced the Chief Justice to pass this light sentence upon you. In all the circumstances the Court deems it just to leave the sentence as it is and dismiss your application for leave to appeal."

SECOND APPLICATION

Before a Full Court comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, and Mr Justice Gould, Luk Kit, 25, appealed against his conviction for robbery with aggravation. He was found guilty by a Jury on October 26 and sentenced by Mr Justice Scholes to nine years' hard labour.

Luk was arraigned in company with another man on a charge of committing an armed robbery at No. 39 Queen's Road West, second floor, on October 18 last year. The other man was found not guilty by a majority verdict and was discharged.

Appellant told the Full Court that his conviction was a mistake as he had not taken part in the crime. He asked the Court to consider the possibility that the evidence against him had been "trumped up."

Mr Justice Gould said that appellant, besides being identified by a witness, had made three statements or confessions in his own handwriting and since appellant had been found guilty by a Jury the Court could not have a re-trial. Leave to appeal was refused.

Special Radio Feature

To commemorate the third anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights, Radio Hongkong tonight is broadcasting a special feature on this historic charter called "Document A/777." It will be heard at 9:30.

The programme was written and produced for United Nations Radio by Norman Corwin, and the cast includes such eminent stars of stage and screen as Sir Laurence Olivier, Emy Williams, Joan Crawford, Charles Boyer and Charles Laughton.

For splitting on the floor of the first class waiting compartment at the Star Ferry wharf yesterday, Sui Sung-kwong, 35, a Shanghaiese sailor, was fined \$30 by Mr R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon this morning.

Answers
1. Attila. 2. An animal which chews the cud. 3. In the Arctic Ocean, N. of Nova Zembla. 4. India and Afghanistan. 5. Wheat. 6. A milk strainer.

Living Language

Why we say Mesmerism.

"Mesmerism" was first practised as a science by Dr Friedrich Anton Mesmer, who died in 1815. He pretended to cure patients with steel magnets but there is no doubt that his power to hypnotise was chiefly responsible for his "cures". The word now means a hypnotic state produced by the control of a superior will.

Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at G.P.O. and at Kowloon Post Office registered articles and parcels may be close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10
By Air

Japan, 5 p.m. via B.O.A.C.
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A.
Canada, 5 p.m. via K.K.A./N.W.A.L.
Indo-China, 6 p.m. via P.A.C.
By surface

Macao, 8 a.m. ss Lee
Hong-Tak Shing

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11
By Air

India-China, France, French North & West Africa, 10 a.m. via Air France

Formosa, Japan, 11 a.m. C.A.T.

Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Europe, Britain, Europe, 1 p.m. via B.O.A.C.

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 2 p.m. via B.O.A.C.

Philippines, N. Borneo, 5 p.m. C.P.A. By Surface

Macao, 8 a.m. 8 p.m. ss Lee

China, People's Republic, 8:30 a.m. via Canton

Ceylon, Madagascar, India, Pakistan, Malaya, Manila, East and South Africa, 1 p.m. via Telgeberg, 5 p.m. Lee Maek

Taungoo, 2 p.m. via Lee Maek

Used Shells As Anvils

For possession of half a dozen six-inch Naval gun shells without a licence, two blacksmiths, Wong Mui, 39, and Wong Ping, 26, were each fined \$40 by Mr R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon this morning.

Det-Sub-Inspector J. Hidden told the Bench that defendants were respectable men carrying on business at 13 Bedford Street, ground floor. About noon on December 5, a Policeman passing by the shop saw a six-inch shell being used as an anvil. He searched the shop, and found six more shells, all of which were perfectly harmless.

Defendants told the Police they bought the shells from a marine store dealer, and that they had been using them as anvils for several years.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"You are overlooking an opportunity. Think how popular you would become if you started a prosie war!"

Education Of Trade Unionists

HK UNIVERSITY COURSE OPENS

A Trade Union University Course with Government help and under the direction of Professor S. Kirby, started at the Economics Department, Hongkong University, this morning.

The Hon. B. C. K. Hawkins, OBE, who inaugurated the course told the 20 students from various English speaking Unions that the purpose of this course is not to train Union leaders but to promote the education of trade unionists and the development of trade unionism.

Students were drawn mainly from the Teachers Association, Civil Servants Association, trade unions with English speaking members, etc., but there were also a few students from the Welfare Department of the Talkoo Dockyard Engineering Co. and the British Cigarette Co.

The syllabus contained amongst others, lectures on the Functions and Administration of Trade Unions, Collective Bargaining and Negotiation, Trade Union Finance and Law.

Mr Dikley, who has had wide experience of trade union finance in England and is a lecturer of the Evening Institute, will give four lectures on Trade Union Finance.

TRADE UNION LAW

Mr B. C. K. Hawkins will give a lecture on Trade Union Law. Dr A. S. Chang, MA, lecturer in Public Administration at the Hongkong University, will give four lectures on the Functions and Administration of Trade Unions.

Dr J. W. K. Liao, BA, Ph.D., lecturer in Sociology at the Hongkong University, will give three lectures on Collective Bargaining and Negotiation.

All lectures which will last approximately one hour will be followed by questions and discussions, with a short break between the lecture and the discussion.

It is hoped—with the experience derived from this course—that further plans for trade union educational courses in the vernacular may be put into effect in the near future, in order to include trade union members drawn from a wider field.

Marine Officer Charged

Francis Ellsworth Brook, 21, Marine Officer, of 43 Austin Road, first floor, was charged before Mr R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon this morning with demanding \$2,000 with menaces.

Jointly charged with Ellsworth were Leung Kau-cheung, 25, Marine Department stoker, and Ng Kam-hung, 20, seaman. Defendants were alleged to have demanded \$2,000 from Tsang Wo on board Marine Department Launch No. 26 yesterday. They were remanded for two days for further enquiries.

From The Files

100 Years Ago

Even Editors require relaxation occasionally, and preparing our last issue a day or two before its appearance, we were just thinking of a return from a short excursion (in which business and pleasure united) when we caught sight of the "Register" of Thursday last, containing the letter signed "A Member" (of the Victoria Library and Reading Rooms). A more impudent libel it has never been our lot to peruse; and those who know that it is so will have expected its earliest refutation. We explain why we could not do so before. The "expulsion" spoken of, and several times reiterated, is, we can assure those who have read the letter, the purest fiction imaginable. We know no more to what the writer alludes than a person who never heard that there was a place as the Victoria Library. Containing too an allusion to the "Register's" SUB. or PD, the present Secretary of the Library, the letter bears double weight, and has no doubt carried with it all that force, and has acted as injuriously as its writer and publisher could have intended.

As the "Register" has enlisted correspondents to do his dirty work again, we shall use similar weapons (barring their foulness) to retaliate, and when certain correspondence in progress is brought to a conclusion, it shall be published simply as a measure of justice to ourselves. In the meantime, the promised report of the last meeting (and the Apology!) stand over until there is a probability that much of a good will not nauseate. The "Register" may "ad interim" obtain the aid of another correspondent if he pleases. We do not forget the old adage "Give a dog plenty of lime and he'll hang himself" and shall be much mistaken if, when the whole truth is fully known, the bulk of the "Register's" supporters think and this included do not feel fully satisfied that an Editor who would take such means and the "Register" has taken to injure a contemporary is, to use a phrase in general use in China, "A perfect wretch and unworthy of any patronage."

SHOWING OFF

It blew quite a capful from the North East on the night of Monday, and, during the breeze, the American Clipper "Game Cock", (at daylight she had two anchors ahead) drove from her berth, nearer to Victoria, right down on the "Rajah", at anchor within a quarter of a mile of the Naval Stores; carrying away the "Rajah's" sprit sail yard and doing other damage. Had the breeze continued, or had the "Rajah's" single anchor and forty-five fathoms of cable been insufficient for the pair of them, she would certainly have stranded on the point where the American Brig "Charles Wainman" was wrecked in the Typhoon of 1848. What business Sky sail poles and Royal yards had aloft in such a night, excepting to show off in the day, we do not know. As to showing off there is not the slightest necessity for it in a British port, for one and all we are perfectly willing to admit that Brother Jonathan has whipped us so far in ship building as is concerned. English Ships, however, although slow, are sure. We do not hear of British vessels drifting on to Gaspar Island, with valuable Tea cargoes on board, for want of proper ground tackle.

Underwriters should make a note of this, and think twice when taking risks on Yankee heelers. Were we interested in Insurance business, we should say give us a risk on a vessel like the "Gangeshead", (with anchor and cables of proper weight, sufficiently manned at sea and in harbour, and no particular character for speed at state,) as advertised in the CANTON COMMERCIAL LIST to load Tea for London, at £2 per ton, to any Clipper ship going, if wanting in the essentials named.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION
(1) The 10 results can only have been: (a) 1, (b) 2, (c) 3, (d) 4, (e) 5, (f) 6, (g) 7, (h) 8, (i) 9, (j) 10.
(2) The aggregate in each second-round match can only have been: (a) Hence the semi-final and final results must have been: (i) 10, (ii) 9, (iii) 8, (iv) 7, (v) 6, (vi) 5, (vii) 4, (viii) 3, (ix) 2, (x) 1.
(3) The aggregate in each round match can only have been: (a) Hence the semi-final and final results must have been: (i) 10, (ii) 9, (iii) 8, (iv) 7, (v) 6, (vi) 5, (vii) 4, (v